

# **1986 FORD TAURUS**





## Taurus. An automobile that evolved from a new way of thinking.

Taurus, available in December 1985, is an automobile so unique and so in tune with real world transportation needs, that it will likely be the benchmark in automotive design for years to come.

A bold statement? Perhaps. But then perhaps not when you consider the logic that went into the Taurus design and the method with which that logic was carried out.

For instance, let's say you were about to design and build, not just another car, but an automobile that would have a profound impact on the automotive industry. Logically, you would want it to achieve high marks in quality and product integrity. You would want it to be equal to or better than anything in its class. And, of course, you wouldn't limit your comparisons to just American-made products.

This is exactly what the engineers at Ford have done with Taurus.

The Taurus design encompasses a "best in class" philosophy. A philosophy that identified over 400 of the best features available on competitors' automobiles around the world — from sports cars to luxury sedans.

Once identified, specific targets were selected and objectives were set to meet or exceed them. When the designers and engineers were finished, the results were researched and tested using the most demanding sources available — you, the buying public.

Time will bear out the significance of the Taurus accomplishment. But one thing is certain now; Taurus is more than just another car. It is a philosophy that will make other cars in its class obsolete by comparison.

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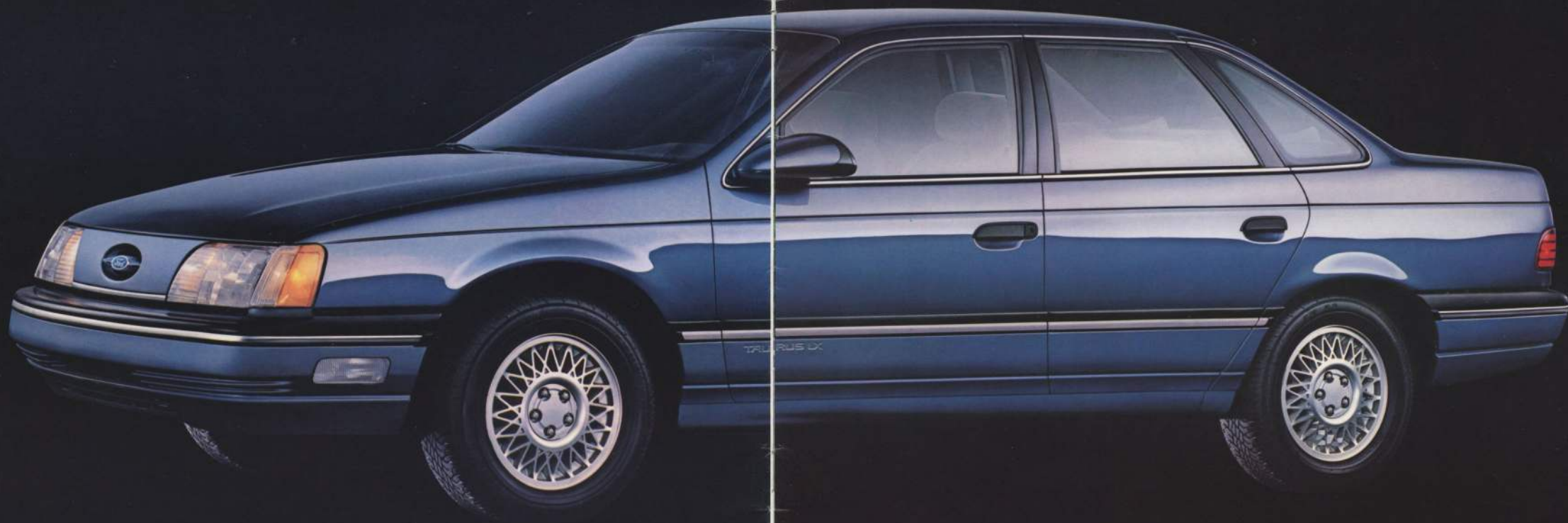
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## FORD TAURUS LX



*Taurus LX Sedan shown in  
Silver Clearcoat Metallic.  
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optional. See options list on pg. 37.*

# FORD TAURUS LX



*Taurus LX Sedan shown in Med.  
Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic.  
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optional. See options list on pg. 37.*



*Taurus LX Sedan interior shown in Medium Grey. Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*





*Taurus command center.  
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optional. See options list on  
page 37.*

# INSIDE TAURUS

All do-it-yourself fluid checks (oil level, power steering fluid, etc.) are arranged in the front of the engine. They are also color-coded to make them easy to find, easy to check, and some include tethered caps.

A new multiple port fuel-injected V-6 engine designed for simplicity and responsiveness. Plus a new 4-speed automatic transaxle so well designed that under normal use it requires no scheduled maintenance.

20-inch windshield wipers clear all the way to the driver's roof pillar to aid visibility.

Flush glass all around aids aerodynamic efficiency; reduces interior wind noise and adds to overall design.

Front seat head rests adjust up and down, forward and back. Seat belts are simple to use, comfortable to wear.

Child-proof rear door locks. Plus 37 other Lifeguard design safety features.

A covered storage compartment holds magazines, and other personal items neatly out of the way.

The LX, GL, MT5 sedans and wagons include an elasticized cargo net to secure smaller loads and keep them from rolling about.

The hood features gas-charged struts which assist you to raise the hood and hold it open without a prop rod.

Permanent set front alignment (caster and camber); no routine adjustment needed.

Lower bodyside cladding on LX and urethane protection on other series help Taurus ward off the damaging effects of loose gravel and/or road salt.

## Taurus was designed from the inside out.

What this means is that the functional requirements of driver and passengers were established first. And only then did the rest of the Taurus form take shape.

Operator controls for instance, were ergonomically designed and placed for optimum driver convenience.

One example: controls that operate power options feature a tactile design that allows the driver to actuate the controls by feel; your eyes can stay on the road.

Taurus seats are designed to minimize fatigue during prolonged driving or riding situations. Their final design is the result of over three years of testing and over 110,000 developmental miles.

When viewing Taurus from the outside, a number of striking aspects about its design are obvious.

Most notable is the sleek, aerodynamic shape that is unmistakably Ford. In fact, Taurus, the latest form-follows-function shape from Ford, is one of the most aerodynamically efficient 6-passenger sedans built in America.

But deeper than that, below smooth contours and shiny skin, is function and attention to detail that go far beyond the norm.

There are countless other areas where function played the leading role, both inside and out. Shown here are just a few of them.

Rear seat passengers have their own heat and fresh air ducts. Plus 16 1/4" spacing between seat tracks and slanted floor for extra foot room and balanced comfort.

The Taurus sedan 4-wheel independent suspension system uses a true MacPherson design with gas-pressurized struts front and rear.

Exhaust system components with the 3.0 liter V-6 engine feature stainless steel construction.

The 5-mile-per-hour front and rear polycarbonate bumpers are shaped to help manage the flow of air around and under the car. They are resilient, rust proof, scuff-resistant and smooth with no sharp edges.

## A truly remarkable 6-passenger sedan

One glance at Taurus won't be enough to satisfy your curiosity. And that's good because we want you to look twice. Look closely. Taurus LX is a truly remarkable car.

The exterior is beautifully sculptured. To help maintain that beauty, the lower bodysides of LX include special moldings called "cladding." The cladding and rocker panel moldings add to the looks of LX and help protect those parts of the body that are closest to the road.

### Passenger comfort

Select either split bench front seats or buckets with console and get luxury cloth in a unique sew style. The seat backs recline and include inner inflatable lumbar supports. And the head rests are adjustable four ways.

To ensure rear passenger comfort, rear heating ducts are provided. The rear seat also includes a fold down center armrest and integral head rests. The rear window ledge has a built-in covered storage compartment and the front seat backs include map pockets.

### Driver convenience

For driver convenience, LX includes tilt steering column, interval wipers, and the Light Group. Power Lock Group, dual electric remote control mirrors and power side windows are also standard and are operable from a control panel with tactile controls integrated into the door panel (see pages 10-11).

Air conditioning, tinted glass, an electronic search AM/FM stereo radio with four speakers, dual illuminated visor mirrors — they are *all* part of Taurus LX.

The trunk and fuel door releases are conveniently located at your fingertips between the driver's door and seat. And both releases are lockable. There's even a luggage compartment convenience kit which includes such handy items as a 7-in-1 fluorescent lantern, tire gauge, cotton gloves, vinyl poncho and other items.

We've put a lot into LX. Even more than is listed here. (See page 37 for a more complete listing). But again, if you were building a luxury 6-passenger sedan, wouldn't you do the same?

*Above left: Taurus LX Sedan in Silver Clearcoat Metallic.*

*Far left: Taurus LX Sedan in Medium Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic.*

*Center: The Taurus climate control system utilizes rotary dials with positive shut-off air registers.*

*Left: The illuminated passenger side visor mirror is designed so that it can be pulled down and adjusted close to the face.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



# FORD TAURUS GL

Designed for people just like you



Taurus is a bold new design. But it was designed around people. Around you. So it should fit you to a tee.

Taurus GL Sedans offer many of the same luxuries afforded in the top line LX series. Take your choice of split bench seats or bucket seats with center console. The seat backs of both recline and include map pockets. And the front head rests are adjustable four ways.

Passengers in the back have a fold down center armrest, integral head rests and heat ducts at their feet. The

window ledge includes a covered storage compartment. It's in the right place and just the right size (for magazines perhaps or a first aid kit).

Additional convenience items are visor mirrors (covered on the driver's side), dual electric remote control mirrors, electronic search AM/FM stereo radio with four speakers, tinted glass, interval wipers, electronic digital clock, trip odometer and reminder chime.

## An all-new powerteam

Taurus GL and LX Sedans are powered by an all new 60-degree 3.0 liter electronically port fuel-injected V-6 engine. It is transverse-mounted for front-wheel drive and sure-footed traction under varying weather conditions. For convenience, the V-6 engine is coupled to an automatic transaxle, the latest version of Ford's Automatic Overdrive. For efficiency, the transaxle has four forward speeds with an overdrive fourth gear. For low-cost operation, it requires zero scheduled maintenance.

Ford Taurus GL. Size one up at your Ford Dealer soon. See just how well it fits your lifestyle.

*Right: Taurus GL Sedan in Medium Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic.*

*Above left: The split bench seats shown in Midnight Blue, give individual comfort with reclining seat backs.*

*Below left: The rear window ledge storage bin has a magnetic latching cover.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



## FORD TAURUS MT5

### A taste of performance. A touch of class.

The Taurus MT5 Sedan is a perfect blend of driving fun and luxury in a world class touring car.

The inherent characteristics of the fuel-injected 2.5 liter overhead cam 4-cylinder engine give it high torque at low speeds, thus making it very responsive in city-type driving conditions. And the manual 5-speed makes it an even more capable performer on the highway.

Inside MT5 you are treated to the seating comfort of bucket seats with high density foam cushions on flat, spring steel Flex-o-lator mats. The seat backs were designed to recline in  $\frac{3}{4}$  degree increments for near-infinite adjustment. There are also map pockets on the seat backs and 4-way adjustable front head rests.

The center console provides many convenient features. It has a padded folding armrest that opens to a storage pod with twin compartments for small items. The console also includes a removable black vinyl mat, depressions for beverage containers, a slotted coin holder, touch-to-open ashtray and a rear seat courtesy light.

*Left: Taurus MT5 Sedan in Black.*

*Above right: The MT5 performance interior shown in Sand Beige, with bucket seats, console and 5-speed manual transaxle.*

*Right: MT5 instrumentation. Speedometer, tachometer, temperature gauge, trip odometer and upshift indicator light.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



# FORD TAURUS L

## A new dimension in 6-passenger travel

The L Series Taurus, like all Taurus models, has an exterior shape that manages air flow better than many famous sports cars. And inside, it has the most ergonomically-designed interior in its class. That is an outstanding achievement for any automobile. It is even more outstanding when you stop to consider that Taurus offers room and comfort for six passengers.

The L Series Sedan is the platform for the entire Taurus model line. And as such, Ford engineers made certain that it provided a solid beginning.

Taurus L includes power rack and pinion steering and power front disc/rear drum brakes. It has 4-wheel fully independent suspension with gas-pressurized struts and shocks for a smooth, controlled and luxurious ride. And front wheel drive along with exclusive all-season steel-belted radial tires give it sure-footed traction.

### Driver oriented controls

The instrument panel is backlit and has a swept-away design that places all controls and instruments within easy reach and in clear view so the driver's

### Interior comfort and convenience

The cloth-covered front flight bench seat features full Flex-o-lator construction and ample room for three, or two when the center armrest is folded down. You also can select the sportiness of front bucket seats as a no charge option. Seats are covered with new tri-laminate fabrics that provide excellent fit. Door trim panels feature matching cloth inserts, padded armrests and molded, lined map pockets.

For safety, all doors include high-visibility reflectors that alert oncoming traffic to an open door condition. The front doors have lights that are positioned to illuminate the curb or roadside to aid entry and exit. And all doors actuate the interior courtesy lights. Rear doors include child-proof door locks that prevent inadvertent opening from the inside.

The extent to which Ford designers and engineers went in producing a new kind of passenger car is overwhelming. The attention to the smallest detail is what sets Taurus apart from the rest. You'll notice the difference from the outset. And we think it is a difference you'll like.

Ford Taurus L. A new dimension in the world of 6-passenger travel.

\*See gas mileage on page 53.



### Equipped for efficient, carefree operation

Aside from the efficiency\* afforded by the 2.5 liter 4-cylinder and 3-speed (CLC) automatic transaxle, Taurus L provides amenities that make driving and riding equally enjoyable experiences.

eyes can stay on the road. The conveniently located fuse box swings down into view and includes spare fuses. A multi-function control on the steering column provides fingertip access to turn signals, wipers/washers, high beam and flash-to-pass. Also provided are side window demisters that operate in all climate control modes.

*Right: Taurus L Sedan in Driftwood Clearcoat Metallic.*

*Above left: Taurus L instrument panel with driver-oriented design.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



## FORD TAURUS LX WAGON



*Taurus LX Wagon in Oxford White.  
Some equipment shown may be  
optional. See options list on pg. 37.*

## FORD TAURUS LX WAGON

There never has been  
a wagon quite like this one.

When the engineers at Ford first set out to redesign the standard of American wagons, they had only an idea of what the final shape might look like. They let form follow function and the result, as you can see, is quite impressive. The clean, flush appearance of the glass, the uniquely shaped rear panels, make Taurus a wagon you *want* to be seen in.

### The ultimate Taurus Wagon

Taurus LX Wagon, like the sedan, is top-of-the-line in every respect. Interior materials are more luxurious. The carpeting is thick. The sound insulation is heavy. And of course, there are quite a few comforts and conveniences placed at your fingertips.

On the performance side of LX Wagons is the 3.0 liter 60-degree V-6 engine with electronic multiple-port fuel injection teamed with a 4-speed automatic transaxle with overdrive.

The 3.0 liter V-6 is one of the simplest and most reliable engines in the industry with over 1,000,000 miles of combined prototype testing behind it.

*Left: Taurus LX Wagon in Silver Clearcoat Metallic*

*Above center: The optional fold-out picnic table is yet another example of Taurus' attention to your lifestyle.*

*Above right: Taurus LX Wagon interior in Medium Grey*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



### A roomy, comfortable interior that is also functionally pleasing

Taurus LX Wagon's front split bench seats provide ample room for three. Both seat backs recline and include a power inflatable lumbar support. The rear seat is a 60/40 split fold-down design that allows extra flexibility for carrying cargo or people.

For driver operating convenience, Taurus LX is equipped with interval windshield wipers, dual electric remote control mirrors, tilt steering column, power side windows and power locks. Cornering lamps, an automatic parking brake release and the Light Group are additional driver conveniences.

For comfort and convenience, Taurus LX also includes air conditioning, tinted glass, secondary visors for driver and right-hand passenger and dual illuminated visor mirrors. An electronic search AM/FM stereo radio with four speakers is also standard. The rear speakers are integrated into the headlining for good listening even when the cargo area is loaded.



The fully carpeted cargo compartment comes with integral cargo tie-downs in the load floor and a handy cargo net that can be used to secure loose packages like grocery bags or the kids' toys. There's also a cargo compartment convenience kit (see page 15).

If you'd care to see what the wagons of the future are going to be like, you could wait for someone else to make one. Or, you could visit your Ford Dealer today.

# FORD TAURUS GL WAGON

## Changing the way America thinks about wagons

Taurus GL Wagon is equipped to cope with the activities normally associated with your more typical wagon, as well as those that are not.

First of all, the powerteam consists of the advanced 3.0 liter multiple port fuel-injected V-6 engine and 4-speed Automatic Overdrive transaxle for responsive city driving and efficient\* highway cruising.

The split bench front seats are equipped with dual recliners and 4-way adjustable head rests.

For the versatility required of a multiple-use vehicle like a station wagon, the rear seat, as in all Taurus wagons, is a "60/40 split-fold" version. The benefit of the 60/40 design is that it provides comfortable seating for two passengers while allowing you to lower a portion of the seat for long cargo (skis for example).

The cargo carrying capability of Taurus is quite impressive: it has an 81.0 cubic foot EPA cargo volume index with the second seat backs folded down. The load floor and second seat backs are also carpeted.

There is an additional locking storage compartment under the rear load floor for tools or small packages. And handy cargo tie downs are designed into the floor for securing rear loads.

There are a lot more interesting and useful ideas incorporated into this newest of American wagons. See them for yourself and you'll see that Ford is setting the pace in wagon advancements.

\*See gas mileage on page 35.



*Right: Taurus GL Wagon in Black*

*Above: Taurus' cargo area officially measures 81 cubic feet. That translates into space for quite a bit of luggage.*

*Left: For additional seating, order the optional rear facing third seat.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



## FORD TAURUS MT5 WAGON

### A wagon for active lifestyles

The real beauty of Taurus lies in its functionality and not just in its impressive looks. In other words, it's not just a nice looking wagon. There is function at every turn. From the dynamic design with front aero-style halogen headlamps, to the rear license plate light housing that is designed to serve as a handle for the liftgate as well.

The luggage rack, standard on all Taurus wagons, is part of the dynamic design. It is shaped to manage the wind as efficiently as the rest of the Taurus body. And it's constructed of plastic, so it won't corrode.

The MT5 Wagon comes with the sporty attributes of the MT5 Sedan including the 2.5 liter fuel-injected engine and 5-speed manual transaxle.

The sportiness continues inside with bucket seats and center console. A tachometer, trip odometer and upshift indicator light are added to the instrumentation.



The 60/40 split fold-down second seat has button releases that are thoughtfully placed high on the outboard sides of the seat, making it easy to lower the seat backs from outside the car. The second seat backs and inner liftgate panel are carpeted, too, completing the well-tailored look of the rear cargo area.

The two-way liftgate offers a wide opening that extends from bumper to roof and wall-to-wall. The liftgate window also can be opened separately for convenient small package loading and unloading.

Taurus MT5 Wagon. A thoughtful rendition of the new American wagon.



*Left: Taurus MT5 Wagon in Sand Beige.*

*Above right: The standard Taurus L Wagon comes with all the thoughtfulness of the L Series sedan plus the versatility of a wagon.*

*Below right: The rear window of Taurus can be opened independently of the liftgate for convenient small package handling.*

*Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*



## STANDARD FEATURES

### Standard features as distinctive as the car itself

#### Ford Taurus, equipped to make life more enjoyable

The "best in class" philosophy that provided the guidelines for the Taurus platform went deeper than comparisons with other automobiles. It identified many of life's little annoyances as related to driving and took positive steps toward eliminating them or, at the very least, making them more bearable.

This page illustrates a few of these areas where Taurus stands apart from the competition.

#### Door panel power controls

Power door locks, power windows and dual electric mirrors, all standard in Taurus LX models, feature an ergonomically designed control panel mounted in the door. The controls incorporate a tactile system that actually allows the operator to feel the desired mode without taking his eyes from the road. It's a simple set-up that uses a raised bump for "up" or "on" and a hollowed indent for "down" or "off."

The controls for the dual electric mirrors are a "joystick" system. They are positioned at the top of the vertically mounted door pull handle and can be easily operated by the thumb. A center "off" position for the mirrors has been included to prevent inadvertent movement.

#### Cargo tie-down net

This very thoughtful feature is standard in MT5, GL, and LX sedans and wagons. It is a cargo restraining net that secures loose packages or grocery bags and helps keep them upright and protected from tipping over.

#### Dual sun visors

How many times have you been on a winding road on a bright sunny day and had to continuously swing your visor from side-to-side to block the sun? Taurus GL, MT5, LX sedans and wagons incorporate a unique secondary visor for the driver and, on LX, there's one for the right-hand passenger as well. It's a thoughtful innovation that lets you screen the sun from the front and side at the same time, acknowledging once and for all that all roads do not run in a straight line.

#### Luggage rack

Since most station wagons are inevitably used to carry something that won't fit easily into the rear cargo area, we've made the luggage rack standard equipment on all Taurus wagons. We've constructed it of high strength plastic so it won't break and will never rust. We designed the rear cross bar to adjust front-to-rear and even included six adjustable, integral flip-up tie-downs to help in securing the load.

#### Full-width seat track release bars

Normally, moving the front seat forward and back is a two-hand operation. And most of the time it's an awkward operation at best. Taurus front seats feature an 11-inch wide bar making it an easy matter to adjust the seat with either hand, from inside

or outside the car. Another small convenience feature that is standard on all Taurus models (of course, it's not necessary with power seats).

#### Front door curb lights

Every Taurus is equipped with front door curb lights incorporated into the door panels just below the armrests (see page 9). Open the door and the area you are about to step into is illuminated. Not only do they help you to see, but they, in addition to reflectors on all four door panels, also serve to warn approaching traffic that your door is open.

#### Seat belts that are "user friendly"

When you buckle up in the front seat of Taurus, the seat belt stays in adjustment no matter where the seat is positioned. It doesn't tighten when the seat is moved forward and it won't loosen when the seat is moved back. This is because Ford anchored the belts to the seat tracks. A simple but thoughtful idea. In addition, Taurus seat belts incorporate plastic covered buckles that stay cool in a hot car and have top-mounted releases for easy one-hand operation.

#### Flush glass all around

The clean, flush appearance of the Taurus "greenhouse" is as functional as it is visually appealing. It is an integral part of the overall dynamic design that contributes to air flow management by reducing turbulence. Reduced turbulence means less interior noise.

There are countless items like these throughout Taurus. Some so small and inconspicuous that you might not notice them unless they were pointed out. But they are there. In virtually every rounded corner.





## Ford performance over the road and under the hood

### Handling characteristics that provide confidence and comfort

The excellent handling characteristics of Taurus are the result of a combination of front and rear suspensions, steering, and dynamic shape.

### 4-wheel independent suspension

The front suspension system of Taurus sedans and wagons uses the MacPherson design with gas-pressurized struts and stabilizer bar.

The sedan rear suspension system is a parallel-bar full MacPherson design and it is fully independent. Independent rear suspensions provide better ride and handling characteristics than a solid mono-beam type system because the wheels can negotiate bumps individually.

Taurus wagons incorporate a unique "short/long arm" (SLA) independent rear suspension set-up to achieve comparable sedan ride characteristics while at the same time maximizing usable interior cargo room.

There are 7.7 inches of travel built into the front suspension and 9.7 inches (9.2 in wagons) in the rear so Taurus can comfortably handle large bumps and potholes without bottoming out.

### Ford Taurus dynamic design

The Taurus shapes, sedan and wagon, are the products of intensive wind tunnel testing. The total number of hours and tests performed are the most ever for a Ford vehicle. The result is an efficiently managed air flow system that actually uses the

wind to improve handling. Even the bumpers and luggage rack (wagons) are designed to manage the air.

Through careful fine-tuning of selected design areas, air flow is directed over and around the body to reduce front and rear lift for directional stability.

The clean sweep of flush glass and "shingled" wrapover door design with concealed drip moldings reduce turbulence around the passenger compartment adding to a quiet interior ride.

### Sophisticated powerteams for efficiency and response

The advanced engines that power Ford Taurus feature the latest in Ford powerteam technologies. Both the 2.5 liter 4-cylinder and 3.0 liter V-6 engines were created specifically for Taurus.

### 2.5 liter 4-cylinder

The 2.5L engine is an in-line 4-cylinder with overhead valves and high-swirl, fast-burn combustion chamber design.

Special features of the combustion chamber combine to produce a fast, efficient burn rate of the air/fuel mixture. The modified wedge-shaped combustion chambers are designed with a squish area that concentrates the compressed volume near the center of the chamber where the spark plug is located. A special shroud is built into the induction system at the intake valve that creates a pronounced swirling motion in the incoming fuel charge. The swirling motion of the charge produces a fast burn without premature detonation, extracting

more power from each fuel droplet.

The 2.5L engine and 3-speed automatic transaxle with centrifugally locking clutch are standard on L series sedans. The 5-speed manual transaxle is standard on the MT5 Sedan and Wagon.

### 3.0 liter V-6

Combustion chamber and intake valve port designs of the 3.0L engine were developed using input from Ford's European resources and computer-aided technology. The process included the selection and testing of 12 different designs to determine the optimum configuration for high specific output and low specific fuel consumption.

The induction system on the 3.0L V-6 is electronically controlled multiple-port fuel-injection that delivers a precise amount of fuel to the intake valves for good fuel mixing during the intake process.

The 3.0L V-6 engine is teamed with the 4-speed Automatic Overdrive transaxle and is standard in the GL and LX Sedan and L, GL and LX Wagon models. It is available as an option in the L Sedan.

### Taurus powerteams

| Engines        | Transaxles | Final transfer ratios |        |          |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|
|                |            | 49-states             | Calif. | Altitude |
| 2.5L 5-speed   |            | 3.33                  | 3.33   | 3.33     |
| 2.5L Automatic |            | 3.23                  | 3.23   | 3.23     |
| 3.0L AOD       |            | 3.37                  | 3.37   | 3.37     |



The configuration selected was a twin-squish compact chamber with a centrally located spark plug. Locating the spark plug in the center of the wedge shaped chamber allows a high compression ratio of 9.25:1 using regular unleaded fuel.

### Gas mileage

1986 EPA mileage estimates were not available at the time this catalog was approved for printing. As soon as EPA figures are released, your Ford Dealer will be among the first to receive this information and will be happy to pass it along to you.

*Left: Taurus MT5 Sedan in Black. Some equipment shown may be optional. See options list on page 37.*

## A WELL-EQUIPPED CAR

The **Taurus GL Sedan** pictured below illustrates the high level of equipment in this series. Included is Preferred Equipment Package 204A, with the kinds of features that have proved popular with many car buyers.



### Taurus GL Sedan (with Preferred Equipment Package 204A)

- Front-wheel drive
- 4-wheel independent suspension
- Gas-filled shocks and struts
- Front stabilizer bar
- 3.0L EFI V-6 engine and 4-speed Automatic Overdrive transaxle
- Power rack and pinion steering

- Power front disc/rear drum brakes
- Dual electric remote control mirrors
- Electronic AM/FM stereo search radio with 4 speakers
- Split bench front seats with fold-down center armrests and dual recliners or bucket seats with dual recliners and center console (your choice)
- 4-way adjustable front head rests
- Courtesy light switches on all

- four doors
- Carpeted deep-well luggage compartment with mini-spare tire stowed under flat load floor
- Luggage compartment light
- Electronic digital clock
- Tinted glass, complete
- Seat back map pockets
- Rear seat fold-down armrest
- Rear window ledge storage bin
- Dual visor mirrors

- Secondary visor for driver's front and side protection
- Air conditioner
- Rear window defroster
- Lock Group
- Speed control
- Tilt steering column
- Paint stripe (may be deleted)
- Power side windows
- 6-way power driver's seat
- Styled road wheels

## PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

Ordering your **Taurus Sedan or Wagon** is easy with Preferred Equipment Packages. Here's how it works: (1) Choose your body style (sedan or wagon). (2) Select the Preferred Equipment Package with the features you want from the charts below.

Preferred Equipment Packages contain groups of optional items of

| Taurus L Sedan and Wagon             | Packages |      |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|
|                                      | 201A     | 202A |
| 3.0L V-6 and AOD transaxle(1)        | *        | *    |
| Exterior Accent Group(2)             | *        | *    |
| Air conditioner                      | *        | *    |
| Electronic digital clock             | *        | *    |
| Rear window defroster(3)             | *        | *    |
| Tinted glass, complete               | *        | *    |
| Dual electric remote control mirrors | *        | *    |
| Rocker panel moldings                | *        | *    |
| Electronic search AM/FM stereo radio | *        | *    |
| Reclining passenger seat             | *        | *    |
| Interval windshield wipers           | *        | *    |
| Light Group(4)                       | *        | *    |
| Lock Group(5)                        | *        | *    |
| Speed control                        | *        | *    |
| Tilt steering column                 | *        | *    |
| Paint stripe (may be deleted)        | *        | *    |
| P205/70R14 BSW tires                 | *        | *    |
| Power side windows                   | *        | *    |

| Taurus GL Sedan and Wagon      | Packages |      |
|--------------------------------|----------|------|
|                                | 204A     | 205B |
| Air conditioner                | *        | *    |
| Rear window defroster(3)       | *        | *    |
| Lock Group(5)                  | *        | *    |
| Speed control                  | *        | *    |
| Tilt steering column           | *        | *    |
| Paint stripe (may be deleted)  | *        | *    |
| Power side windows             | *        | *    |
| 6-way power driver's seat      | *        | *    |
| Styled road wheels             | *        | *    |
| Cornering lamps                | *        | *    |
| Illuminated Entry System       | *        | *    |
| Dual illuminated visor mirrors | *        | *    |
| Remote fuel door release       | *        | *    |

| Taurus MT5 Sedan and Wagon                                     | Packages |      |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|------|
|                                                                | 211A     | 212A | 213A |
| Air conditioner                                                | *        | *    | *    |
| Rear window defroster(3)                                       | *        | *    | *    |
| Light Group(4)                                                 | *        | *    | *    |
| P205/70R14 BSW tires                                           | *        | *    | *    |
| Remote fuel door release                                       | *        | *    | *    |
| Lock Group(5)                                                  | *        | *    | *    |
| Power side windows                                             | *        | *    | *    |
| Speed control                                                  | *        | *    | *    |
| Leather-wrapped steering wheel                                 | *        | *    | *    |
| Tilt steering column                                           | *        | *    | *    |
| Paint stripe (may be deleted)                                  | *        | *    | *    |
| Styled road wheels                                             | *        | *    | *    |
| Autolamp System                                                | *        | *    | *    |
| Cornering lamps                                                | *        | *    | *    |
| Front and rear floor mats                                      | *        | *    | *    |
| Extended range fuel tank                                       | *        | *    | *    |
| Illuminated Entry System                                       | *        | *    | *    |
| Diagnostic alert lamps                                         | *        | *    | *    |
| Dual illuminated visor mirrors                                 | *        | *    | *    |
| Electronic search AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape player | *        | *    | *    |
| Premium Sound System                                           | *        | *    | *    |
| 6-way power driver's seat                                      | *        | *    | *    |

| Taurus LX Sedan and Wagon                                      | Packages |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|
|                                                                | 207A     | 208A |
| Rear window defroster                                          | *        | *    |
| Electronic search AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape player | *        | *    |
| Premium Sound System                                           | *        | *    |
| Speed control                                                  | *        | *    |
| Paint stripe (may be deleted)                                  | *        | *    |
| 6-way power driver's seat                                      | *        | *    |
| Styled road wheels                                             | *        | *    |
| Illuminated Entry System                                       | *        | *    |
| Leather-wrapped steering wheel                                 | *        | *    |
| Electronic climate control air conditioner                     | *        | *    |
| Autolamp System                                                | *        | *    |
| Front and rear floor mats                                      | *        | *    |
| Extended range fuel tank                                       | *        | *    |
| Electronic instrument cluster                                  | *        | *    |
| Keyless Entry System                                           | *        | *    |
| Power radio antenna                                            | *        | *    |

- (1) Standard on wagons.  
 (2) Includes bright and black windshield moldings (all models) and rear window moldings (sedan only); bright and black belt moldings; bright door and quarter window surround moldings (sedan only); black-out treatment "B" pillars (all models) and "C" pillars (sedan only).  
 (3) Premium Sound System is an allowable substitution in packages 201A, 202A, 204A, 211A and 212A.  
 (4) Includes dual beam map light with specially designed aircraft-type black beam that won't distract the driver; engine compartment light; courtesy light under instrument panel; headlamps "ON" reminder buzzer or chime.  
 (5) Includes power door locks and on sedans, a mechanical lockable decklid release.

This exclusive Taurus option is an electrically heated windshield capable of removing a heavy film of frost or ice in a fraction of the time it would take with the standard blower system.



| ENGINEERING                                                                                                                                     | L | GL | LX | MTS |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| 2.5L 4-cylinder/automatic CLC transaxle <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                          | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| 2.5L 4-cylinder/5-speed manual transaxle                                                                                                        | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| 3.0L V-6/Automatic Overdrive transaxle                                                                                                          | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Power front disc/rear drum brakes                                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Power rack and pinion steering                                                                                                                  | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Gas-pressurized shocks and struts                                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Permanent set front alignment (caster and camber)                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Front stabilizer bar                                                                                                                            | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Rear stabilizer bar (standard on L wagon)                                                                                                       | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Gas cylinder hood assists                                                                                                                       | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Maintenance-free battery                                                                                                                        | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Child proof rear door locks                                                                                                                     | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Two-way liftgate (wagons)                                                                                                                       | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| 16-gallon fuel tank with tethered gas cap                                                                                                       | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| <b>EXTERIOR</b>                                                                                                                                 |   |    |    |     |
| Full wheel covers                                                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Luxury wheel covers                                                                                                                             | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Dual electric remote control mirrors                                                                                                            | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| P195/70Rr14 BSW all-season tires                                                                                                                | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| P205/70Rr14 BSW all-season tires                                                                                                                | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Urethane coating on lower doors and rocker panels                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Lower bodyside cladding                                                                                                                         | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Cornering lamps                                                                                                                                 | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Rocker panel moldings                                                                                                                           | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Louvered black grille with Ford oval in center                                                                                                  | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Body-color grille with "floating" Ford oval in center                                                                                           | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| <b>INTERIOR</b>                                                                                                                                 |   |    |    |     |
| Choice of flight bench front seat in cloth with fold-down center armrest and driver's side recliner or bucket seats with driver's side recliner | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Reclining split bench front seats                                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Bucket seats with center console (NA in LX wagon)                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ■  | ■   |
| 60/40 split fold-down second seat (wagons)                                                                                                      | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Luxury steering wheel                                                                                                                           | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Tilt steering column                                                                                                                            | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| AM mechanical radio with dual front speakers (may be deleted for credit)                                                                        | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Electronic AM/FM stereo search radio                                                                                                            | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Electronic AM/FM stereo search radio with cassette tape player                                                                                  | ● | ●  | ■  | ■   |
| Carpeted luggage compartment                                                                                                                    | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Fully carpeted load floor (wagons)                                                                                                              | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Luggage compartment/cargo area courtesy light(s)                                                                                                | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Built-in load floor cargo tie-downs (wagons)                                                                                                    | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Cargo tie-down net                                                                                                                              | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Inside liftgate grab handle (wagons)                                                                                                            | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Interval windshield wipers                                                                                                                      | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Electronic digital clock                                                                                                                        | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Front seat-back map pockets                                                                                                                     | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| RH visor mirror                                                                                                                                 | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| LH covered visor mirror                                                                                                                         | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Secondary sun visor (driver's side)                                                                                                             | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Dual illuminated visor mirrors with dual secondary visors                                                                                       | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Tinted glass                                                                                                                                    | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Light Group <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                                                      | ■ | ■  | ■  | ■   |
| Power adjustable front seat                                                                                                                     | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| lumbar supports                                                                                                                                 | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |
| Luggage compartment storage bins with hinged lids                                                                                               | ● | ●  | ●  | ●   |

|                                               |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Cast aluminum wheels                          | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Styled road wheels                            | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Clearcoat metallic paint                      | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Paint stripe                                  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Exterior Accent Group <sup>(6)</sup>          | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| <b>COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE</b>                |   |   |   |   |
| Electronic climate control <sup>(4)</sup>     | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Air conditioner                               | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Power side windows                            | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Lock Group <sup>(5)</sup>                     | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Power radio antenna                           | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 6-way power driver's seat                     | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 6-way power driver and passenger seats        | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Power moonroof                                | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Autolamp System                               | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Diagnostic alert lights <sup>(6)</sup>        | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Floor shift                                   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Remote fuel door release                      | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Rear window defroster                         | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Insta-Clear <sup>®</sup> heated windshield    | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Electronic instrument cluster                 | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Illuminated Entry System                      | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Keyless Entry System                          | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Automatic parking brake release               | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Premium Sound System <sup>(7)</sup>           | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Reclining passenger seat                      | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Speed control                                 | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| All vinyl trim                                | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Leather-wrapped steering wheel                | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Leather seating surfaces                      | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Vertically sliding vent windows               | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Rear window wiper/washer (wagons)             | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Rear seat heat ducts                          | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Front and rear carpeted floor mats            | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Load floor extension ("picnic table") wagons  | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Rear facing third seat (wagons)               | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| <b>PERFORMANCE</b>                            |   |   |   |   |
| Extended range fuel tank (18.6-gal. capacity) | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Heavy-duty battery                            | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Heavy-duty (load-carrying) suspension         | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| P195/70Rx14 WSW all-season tires              | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| P205/70Rx14 WSW all-season tires              | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| P205/65Rx15 BSW all-season tires              | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| P205/65Rx15 WSW all-season tires              | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Conventional spare tire                       | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| California Emissions System                   | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| High Altitude Emissions System                | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ = Standard ■ = Optional                     |   |   |   |   |

|   | Medium Gray | Canyon Red | Midnight Blue | Sand Beige | Taupe*                                 |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| X | X           | X          | X             |            |                                        |
|   |             |            |               |            | Black                                  |
| X | X           | X          |               |            | Silver Clearcoat Metallic              |
| X | X           | X          |               |            | Medium Gray Clearcoat Metallic         |
| X | X           | X          |               |            | Bright Canyon Red Clearcoat Metallic   |
| X | X           | X          |               |            | Medium Canyon Red Clearcoat Metallic   |
| X | X           |            |               |            | Silver Blue Clearcoat Metallic         |
| X | X           | X          |               |            | Medium Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic |
| X |             | X          |               |            | Medium Aegean Clearcoat Metallic       |
|   |             |            |               | X          | Taupe                                  |
| X | X           | X          | X             |            | Driftwood Clearcoat Metallic           |
|   |             |            | X             |            | Dark Taupe Clearcoat Metallic          |
| X | X           |            |               |            | Spinnaker Blue                         |
| X | X           | X          | X             |            | Sand Beige                             |
|   |             |            | X             |            | Sandalwood Clearcoat Metallic          |
| X | X           | X          | X             | X          | Oxford White                           |

(7) Includes six premium speakers, power amplifier.





Ford Motor Company strongly encourages all passengers to use their safety belts.

In all Ford cars, outboard front seat lap and shoulder belts have automatic retractors and comfort regulators. Outboard rear seat positions also have lap belts with retractors.

Ford urges the use of child and infant restraints, as required in all states. Ford's easy-to-install Tot-Guard (for children 20 to 50 pounds) and Infant Carrier (for children up to 20 pounds) are available at all Ford Dealers. If a child restraint requires a top-tether, Ford cars provide for attachment of an anchor at each rear outboard seating position, and all three rear seating positions in the case of Taurus.

## Ford Lifeguard Design Safety Features

### Vehicle operation

□ Safety rim wheels and load-rated tires □ Split service hydraulic brake system with warning light □ Corrosion-proof brake lines □ Flash-to-pass headlamps □ Turn indicator lever with lane-changing signal feature □ Hazard warning flasher □ Backup lights □ Side marker lights □ Parking lights coupled with headlamps □ High-mount brake lamp □ Two-speed or variable speed windshield wipers □ Windshield washers □ Dual outside rearview mirrors (except L sedan) □ Glare-reduced instrument panel, windshield wiper arms and windshield pillars □ Uniform transaxle shift quadrant (on all cars equipped with automatic

transaxles) □ Continuously variable control illumination intensity (instrument panel lighting) □ Safety hood latch system □ Function-rated windshield defroster system

### Occupant protection

□ Safety-designed front end structure □ Safety-designed roof structure □ Steel guard rails in side doors □ Double yoke safety door latches and safety hinges □ Integral lap and shoulder belts with automatic retractors for front outboard occupants □ Lap belts for center front occupant (where 3-passenger front seat is provided) □ Positive seat belt fastening reminder warning light and buzzer or chime for the driver's seat □ Lap belts with retractors for outboard occupants of the rear seat

□ Energy-absorbing armrests and safety-designed door handles □ Energy-absorbing instrument panel with padding for right and center front passengers □ Energy-absorbing sun visors □ Energy-absorbing front seat back tops with padding □ Head restraints for front seat outboard occupants □ Safety glove box latch □ Inside yieldaway rearview mirror □ Impact-absorbing laminated safety glass windshield □ Flame resistant interior materials □ Safety-designed coat hooks □ Safety-designed radio control knobs and push buttons □ Child-proof rear door locks

## Special quality steps: Corrosion protection

Ford takes tough measures to protect Taurus against the damaging effects of corrosion. Galvanized steel is used for important underbody and structural parts. Pre-coated steel, featuring corrosion inhibitors, is also used in major body panels. Special treatments are applied to selected areas of the body structure including urethane coating or cladding on the lower bodyside and painting of select underbody chassis components.

## Scheduled maintenance

Here are some examples of scheduled maintenance intervals for the 1986 Taurus. For complete maintenance recommendations, refer to the Taurus Owner Guide.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Engine oil change          | each 7,500 miles             |
| Spark plug change          | each 30,000 miles            |
| Air filter replacement     | each 30,000 miles            |
| Engine coolant replacement | each 30,000 miles or 3 years |

# SAFETY AND OWNER INFORMATION

## Measurements

|                                 | Sedan/Wagon   |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Wheelbase                       | 106.0"/106.0" |
| Length                          | 188.4"/191.9" |
| Height                          | 54.3"/55.1"   |
| Width                           | 70.7"/70.7"   |
| Tread: front                    | 61.6"/61.6"   |
| Tread: rear                     | 60.5"/59.9"   |
| Trunk or cargo volume (cu. ft.) | 17.0/81.0     |
| Fuel capacity* (gal.)           | 16.0/16.0     |
| Curb weight (lb.)               | 2,863/3,165   |
| Passenger capacity**            | 6/6           |

\*18.6 gal. with optional Extended Range Tank.  
\*\*5 with bucket seats. Eight in wagons (except MTS) with optional rear facing third seat.

## 5-mile-an-hour bumpers

Bumpers on Taurus are designed to protect lamps, cooling system, exhaust and other body components in the event of a minor impact. While some manufacturers equip their cars with bumpers that just meet the 2½-mph federal standards, Ford equips Taurus and every other car it makes with bumpers designed to absorb impacts of 5-mph.

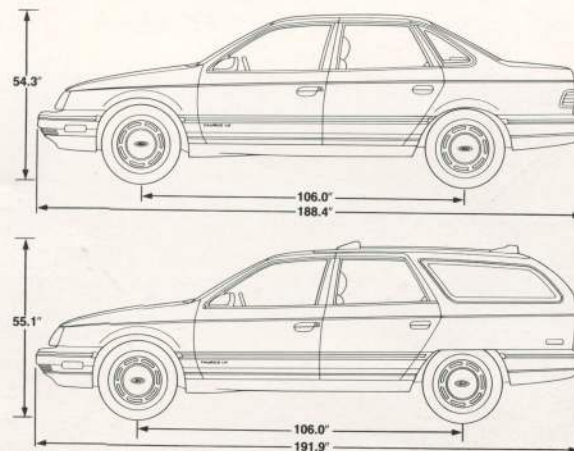


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